

C.I.A. SAID TO SPY ON REDS IN FRANCE

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PARIS, Feb. 16 — Today's issue of Humanité, the Communist Party newspaper, charged that the United States Central Intelligence Agency had, with the knowledge and assistance of French intelligence aides, been spying on French Communist Party officials.

Humanité, a normally unsensational paper, gave its readers two-thirds of a page of what it said were facts on how the American agency, with French assistance, was spying and harassing French Communist Party officials at work and at home in Paris.

The article strongly suggested that the administration of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, particularly his Interior Minister, Michel Poniatowski, had explicitly given the American agency freedom to spy on French communists.

Neither the French Government nor the United States Embassy commented on the Humanité charges. When a list of 32 alleged C.I.A. agents purportedly assigned to the American Embassy was published here last month by the newspaper Liberation, the United States Embassy declined comment.